



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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SMITH et al.

: Examiner: J.M. Reddick

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For: SYNTHESIS OF MATTE BEADS CONTAINING CARBOXYLIC ACIDS
AND THEIR USE PHOTOGRAPHIC ELEMENTS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 11, 2000, please amend the above
identified application as indicated below.

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 8, line 5: Please add at the end of the sentence -- The concentration of the
water soluble salt in the aqueous phase can be from 10% to 50%.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 5, 13, 15, 16, 22 and 23 as follows:

Claim 1, line 5: Delete "an" and replace with -- a water-soluble --.

Claim 5, line 2: Please delete "salts" and replace with -- salt --.

Claim 13, line 6: Delete "vinyl," after "methacrylamide."

8 13. (Amended) The process according to claim 1, wherein said water-insoluble
particulate stabilizer is selected from the group consisting of insoluble metal salts, insoluble
metal oxides, [oxide] clays, starches, and sulfonated cross-linked organic homopolymers[,
and resinous polymers].

Claim 16, line 2: Insert -- stabilizer -- after "particulate".

22. The process according to claim 1, wherein

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